

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claim 9 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, subject to acceptance of our comments and statements for allowance of our claims 1-8 and 10-16, Claim 9, which is recognized by the examiner as '*uniquely distinct*', should be allowed in the context of our overall claims. As a result, we do not anticipate any need to rewrite Claim 9 in an independent form.

### **Conclusion**

As noted by our comments and statements for allowance, we consider our invention to be uniquely distinct and trust that each of your objections and rejections have been addressed to your satisfaction. If you need to discuss any issues, my contact details are as follows:

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Thank you.

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